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SUBJECT: MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. SO FAR, NO GOUV OFFICIAL HERE (EXCEPT FOR YAGUIBOU BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE) HAS DISCUSSED WITH ME OR WITH MEMBERS OF MY STAFF UPPER VOLTA'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE ARMS IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA IS DETERMINED TO GET ARMS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. INDEED, THE SURVIVAL OF HIS REGIME MAY WELL DEPEND ON HIS SUCCESS IN THIS REGARD. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS JUST WITHDRAWN THE EQUIVALENT OF \$9,000,000 FROM ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATION ACCOUNT AT THE FRENCH TREASURY.

2. IT MAY WELL BE THAT DAKOURE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING ARMS PURCHASES. MINISTER OF DEFENSE BABA SY IS HERE IN OUAGA. DAKOURE MAY BE IN PARIS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT HE IS OUT OF TOWN AND

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THAT HE WILL BE BACK ON JANUARY 13.

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